

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2173

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Walter F. Timilty**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to patient's rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk
Angelo J. Puppola, Jr.	12th Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2262 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO PATIENT'S RIGHTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 70E of chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is  
2 herby amended by inserting after subsection (n) the following subsection:-

3           (o) to obtain from the facility in charge of his care, upon discharge, any bulk medications that were  
4 prescribed for him during his stay including, but not limited to, aerosol inhalers, topical products such as  
5 creams and powders eye drops, insulins and special order items, provided that any such items are patient  
6 specific and personal and would not otherwise be used in the treatment of another patient. Upon  
7 discharge from the hospital, these bulk items shall be considered the personal property of the patient and  
8 the physician shall include in discharge orders that the patient be provided with the specific bulk products  
9 that were used in the hospital with use directions. The department shall promulgate regulations to  
10 implement this section.